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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of names of delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees on Finance, Documents and Nominations.
4. Reading of letters from churches.
5. Receiving of newly constituted churches.
6. Receive correspondence.
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8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Report on Foreign Missions.
10. Report on Home Missions.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Report on State Missions.
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16. Report on Finance.
17. Report on Documents.
18. Report on Nominations.
19. Appointment of Committees for next Session: Foreign, Home and State Missions, Sabbath Schools, Temperance and Church Improvements.
20. Appointment of Board of Directors.
21. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

SPRINGVILLE, ALA., Sept. 24th, 1886.

The Canaan Baptist Association met on Friday, September 24th, 1886, for the purpose of holding its Fifty-Third Annual Session.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the hour for delivering the Introductory Sermon, it was thought best to postpone the delivery of the Sermon until a future hour, the greater part of the delegates not being present. Prof. Giles, of Howard College being present was asked to preach, which he did.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the delegates assembled in the Baptist church house, and were called to order by the Clerk, the Moderator being absent.

After reading a part of God's word and singing a hymn, prayer was offered by J. C. Hudson.

The letters from the churches were then brought forward and read by R. W. Beck and R. J. Waldrop.

On motion of D. I. Purser, churches having petitionary letters were requested to present them, and the following named churches presented letters requesting membership:

South Side Birmingham Baptist Church, East Birmingham, Dolomite, Oak Grove.

On motion they were received. Delegates' names were then enrolled as follows:

First Baptist Church of Birmingham—D. I. Purser, J. E. Hudson.

Second Baptist Church—J. P. Rockett, P. E. Cheek.

Bethany—J. I. Washington, C. W. McClendon.

Canaan—M. D. Jackson, T. L. Shaw.

Cahaba—M. K. Vann, R. W. Inzer, D. N. Talley, D. H. Vann, S. R. McDaniel.

Central—T. M. Branham, J. M. Presley, R. M. Inzer, R. N. Hefner, Alfred King.

Enon—Not represented.

Hopewell— "

New Prospect—T. Levi, C. C. Vann, W. L. C. Vann.

Pleasant Ridge—O. J. Waldrop, A. J. Walker, J. V. Huey.

Ruhama—R. W. Beck, R. J. Waldrop, W. E. Wood, E. Y. Daniel, E. B. Waldrop.

Salem—Wm. Moore, W. Franklin, John Murphy, I. Moncreith, J. A. Hagood.

Springville—W. B. Moor, A. J. Hitt, J. T. Herring J. W. Inzer, J. N. Montgomery.

Williamsburg—No delegates.

Jones' Valley—J, B. Glenn, J. M. Doss, W. R. Dean.

Pratt Mines—J. M. Huey, T. M. Long.

NEW CHURCHES.

Dolomite—R. Y. Robertson, J. L. Meigs, J. A. Sartain, E. A. Harrison.

East Birmingham—F. M. Wood, S. J. Wood.

Oak Grove—G. A. Chunn, E. C. Smith, J. D. Glenn.

South Side—W. C. Cleveland, G. T. Green.

On motion of R. W. Beck, Dr. W. C. Cleveland was elected Moderator by acclamation.

On motion of D. I. Purser, E. B. Waldrop was re-elected Clerk ; R. J. Waldrop, Corresponding Secretary and Assistant Clerk ; G. T. Green, Treasurer.

Received correspondence from other Associations.

Cahaba Valley—P. S. Montgomery, J. A. Glenn, H.

B. Ralls, J. S. E. Robinson, Redin Hodges, J. E. Montgomery.

Tenn. River—A. J. Nunnelly.

On motion of R. W. Beck, Prof. B. F. Giles, of Howard College, and W. E. Herring, of the Bigbee Association, were invited to seats.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Documents—F. M. Wood, J. V. Huey, G. A. Chunn.

On Finance—D. N. Talley, M. K. Vann, T. W. Long.

On Nominations—R. W. Beck, J. H. Hagood, R. Y. Robertson.

On motion of D. I. Purser, since the time of preaching the Introductory Sermon had passed, agreed to pass it for the present session.

The Deacons of Springville Church, together with Pastor J. A. Glenn and Brother Penn Cheek were appointed as a Committee on Devotions.

On motion of D. I. Purser, B. F. Giles, of Howard College, was invited to present the claims of Howard College, which he did in an interesting discourse.

The following committee were appointed to pro-rate amount among the churches asked by the State Mission Board: J. M. Huey, E. Y. Daniel, T. W. Herring.

The hours of meeting and adjournment of the Association were fixed as follows Meet 9 A. M.; adjourn 12:30 P. M.; meet 2 P. M.; adjourn 4:30 P. M. Night session, meet 7:30; adjourn at will.

On motion, the Report on Education to be made at 7:30 o'clock to-night and the subject of ministerial education to be specially considered.

On motion of G. T. Green, the Association appointed correspondents to the colored Association adjacent to the Canaan.

On motion of R. W. Beck, the Associalion was divided

into three Districts: Committee on Division, R. W. Beck, J. M. Huey, O. J. Waldrop.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by P. S. Montgomery.

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 P. M.—The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by R. W. Inzer.

The Report on Education was read by R. J. Waldrop, and on motion for adoption, was discussed by Prof. Giles, C. H. Hudson, D. I. Purser and others. During the discussion the following pledges were made for Ministerial Education: First Church of Birmingham, $35.00; Ruhama, $15.00; South Side, $20.00; Pratt Mines, $5.00; Central, $5.00; Salem, $5.00; Springville, $5.00; Cahaba, $10; Canaan, $5.00; Pleasant Ridge, $10.00; Dolomite, $10.00; Second Church of Birmingham, $10.00; New Prospect, $5.00; A. J. Nunnelly, $5.00, paid; R. W. Beck, $5.00; W. R. Dean; $5.00; E. B. Waldrop, $5.00; J. H. Hudson, $5.00; after which the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed J. M. Huey, E. Y. Daniel T. W. Herring to pro-rate among the churches asked of Association by the State Mission Board.

On motion adjourned.

Prayer by. G. A. Chunn.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25th, 9 A. M.

The Moderator called the house to order.

Prayer by H. B. Ralls.

Called for Report on Foreign Missons, which was made by E. B. Waldrop, and on motion of D. I. Purser the report was laid on the table until the reports of Home and State Missions were read, so that the subject of Missions might be considered under one general head.

The Report on Home Missions was read by G. A. Chunn.

The Report on State Missions was made by D. I. Purser, he reading Crumpton's circular and commenting on same.

The subject of Missions was discussed by R. W. Inzer, H. B. Ralls, J. A. Glenn, W. E. Herring.

During the discussion raised $15.50, balance on A. J. Waldrop, colportege fund.

The following resolutions was offered by R. W. Beck and passed by the body:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the editorial management of the *Alabama Baptist*, and urge its support upon this Association and that we ask the pastors of the churches of the body to have appointed a committee in each church whose duty it shall be to see that, as far as possible, every family connected with the churches shall take this paper.

On motion, adopted reports on Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITMEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There are three motives for missions: The motive of the divine command; the motive of blessing the Church; the motive of saving the nations; and that there are three methods by which we may expect to realize a true ideal of missions.

We must have renewed prayer, we must have renewed faith, we must have a renewed system. The religion of the Bible is a universal religion, intended for all nations of people, and intended to be carried into all the earth. At the birth of our Saviour we are told that the angels that announced his birth to the astonished shepherds, declared that they brought good news of glad tidings, which should be to all people. Again we find our Saviour himself, from time to time, calling and commissioning men to go forth and proclaim His religion; to the people of Israel first—they were to go to them first from the fact they were looking for and expecting the advent of the Messiah. This being accomplished, our Saviour, before he left his disciples, widens and extends their commissions to all nations. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Every church of Jesus Christ, and each individual member of all the churches are required by the spirit of our holy religion to aid in this work. There is a grand and growing interest in our denomination, in regard to the subject of missions, not only in the Home and State missions, but in Foreign missions. There is a progressive as well as an ag-

gressive spirit, manifested among many of our churches, and we hail this as a brighter omen for the future of our denomination.

Some facts as reported by the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. In 1855, thirty years ago, when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Montgomery, Ala., there were twelve missionaries of the Convention from the United State of America, laboring for us in two countries. Now there are over fifty located in the five continents of the globe. Then the contributions of the churches to this Foreign Board were about $30,000.00, now about $80,000.00. For what God has enabled us to do, we bless His name and take courage and look hopefully to the future.

In conclusion, your Committee would most heartily recommend to all our churches reglar, systematic collections for missions, as recommended by our Secretary of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. WALDROP.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report that the number of missionaries during the past conventional year has increased more than thirty per cent; meeting houses built over two hundred per cent.; churches constituted over thirty per cent.; baptisms and additions of membership by letter, from twenty to thirty per cent.; and contributions about twenty eight per cent., as will apear from the following table which we have gathered from the minutes of the Alabama State Convention:

Conventional Year	1884–85	1885–86
Missionaries employed	185	255
Churches constituted	53	70
Meeting houses built	14	49
Baptisms	2,931	3,813
Received by letter	1,733	2.344
Contributions	$71,431.68	$90,000.00

These figures show a very great increase, and this is as should be, for the prosperity of this work indicates the success of the Baptists of the South. We can say that the Home Board has under its control one of the most important fields of labor, and we firmly believe it to be the chief agency in developing and christianizing the waste places in our Southern land Now, brethren, as there was an increase in the contributions last year, let us try to make it greater this year. Brethren let us be more liberal in our contributions than we have in the past. We also suggest that we ask the pastors of the churches of this Association to preach more on the subject of missions. The Lord has greatly blessed our labors in the past, and therefore we should take courage and do more than we have ever done before.

Respectfully,
G. A. CHUNN.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by P. S. Montgomery.

EVENING SESSION—2. O'CLOCK P. M.

House was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered by G. A. Chunn.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Home Missions—G. G. Miles, M. T. Branham, W. E. Wood.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Hudson, F. M. Wood, Williamson Franklin.

State Missions—W. C. Cleveland, W. L. C. Vann, W. R. Dean.

Sabbath School—R. Y. Robertson, E. Y. Daniel, J. T. Herring.

Education—R. W. Beck, O. J. Waldrop, P. E. Cheek.

Temperance—R. H. Sterrett, J. M. Doss, J. P. Rockett.

Church Improvements—J. L. Meigs, J. T. Green, J. A. Sartain.

Committee on pro-rating amount among churches asked by State Mission Board made their report as follows:

First Baptist Church, Birmingham	$227.48
Bethany	20.00
Canaan	24.44
Cahaba	66.27
Central	34.43
New Prospect	37.13
Pleasant Ridge	36.00
Ruhama	69.00
Salem	39.48
Springville	42.30
Pratt Mines	25.85
South Side	40.06
East Birmingham	24.14
Dolomite	17.39
Second Baptist Church, Birmingham	14.10
Jones Valley	16.92

Committee on Districting Association made their report :

Your Committee would recommend the division of the Association into three general meeting districts, as follows :

1st or Upper District—Bethany, Central, Enon, Hopewell, Salem, Springville, Warrior, Oak Grove.

2d District—Cahaba, New Prospect, Ruhama, Birmingham churches, and East Birmingham.

3d District—Canaan, Pleasant Ridge, Jones' Valley, Pratt Mines, Dolomite, Williamsburg.

We would further recommend the following committee, who shall have control of this work in their respective Districts :

1st District—M. T. Branham, Williamson Franklin, G. A. Chunn, J. L. Thurman.

2d District—G. G. Miles, F. M. Wood, W. L. C. Vann, E. Y. Daniel.

3d District—R. Y. Robertson, O. J. Waldrop, J. M. Huey, V. A. Wilson, —— Jackson.

We further recommend that these committees organize this work at the earliest time possible, and hold a general meeting of the churches composing their respective Districts on each Fifth Sabbath during the next Associational Year. The purpose of these general meetings to be the development of our churches in denominational enterprises and growth in grace. Get our churches better organized. Inaugurate plans which will develop the full strength of the churches in their support of our denominational work.

R. W. BECK, Chairman.

Adopted Report of Committee on Nominations.

Time of meeting of next Association—Friday before 4th Sabbath in September, 1887, at 11 o'clock A. M. Place—Dolomite Church, Wheeling Mines. Introductory Sermon—D. I. Purser; Alternate Sermon—A. J. Waldrop; Missionary Sermon—W. C. Cleveland; Alternate Sermon —J. H. Hudson; Executive Committee—D. I Purser, Chairman, W. C. Cleveland, A. J. Waldrop, G. G. Miles, J. M. Huey, W. H. Wood, R. J. Waldrop, R. Y. Robertson.

Delegates to State Convention—W. C. Cleveland, J. M. Huey, A. J. Waldrop, D. I. Purser, W. H. Wood, R. W. Inzer, E. B. Waldrop, W. R. Dean, R. H. Sterrett, T. V. B. Moor, G. G. Miles.

Correspondents to other Associations:—Cahaba Valley—R. W. Inzer, M. T. Branham, T. W. Herring. Sulphur Springs—E. B. Waldrop, J. M. Huey, J. L. Watson. Shelby—W. C. Cleaveland, O. J. Waldrop, J. A. Stratton. Tuscaloosa—D. I. Purser, G. T. Green, G. G. Miles. Mud Creek—O. J. Waldrop, J. M. Huey, J. B. Glenn. Warrior River—W. R. Dean, R. W. Inzer, W. C. Cleveland, D. I. Purser. To Colored Baptist Associations—G. T. Green, D. I. Purser, A. J. Waldrop, W. C. Cleveland, J, H. Hudson. Muscle Shoals—G. T. Green.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Article 6 of the Constitution of Canaan Association be and hereby is re-enacted, which reads as follows: "Any church in the Association having fifty members or under, may send three delegates and an additional one for every fifty thereafter, or fractional part of fifty.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It gives us pleasure to note the fact that one hundred and seventy new schools have been organized under the direction of the State Mission Board during the past year Let us call earnest attention to the importance of three things in extending this great work:

1st. Make earnest effort to get pious teachers who seek to know the Lord Jesus as the great teacher of men and Savior of sinners.

2d. Teach the Scriptures in the Sabbath Schools with the aid of the best Baptist literature, such as published by our Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., "Kind Words," etc.

3d. Seek earnestly to lead the children to Christ in their early years, for He says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Respectfully submitted,

M. K. VANN.

The Report on Temperance was made and on motion for adoption was discussed by R. W. Inzer, G. T. Green, D. I. Purser and P. S. Montgomery, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance in its ample fields of government, spreads its influence over all our human passions, proposing to restrain and keep them within proper bounds, but in this report our purpose is to urge all our churches, collectively as such, and all our members as christian men and women, to oppose the use of all spirituous or intoxicating liquors in all their forms, and to use every lawful means to prohibit the manufacture or sale of all intoxicants in our midst.

We deem it unnecessary to make an array of statistics to show either the loss of money and time thus wasted; or the untold amount of crime, misery, poverty, degradation, disgrace, wretchedness, ruin and death caused by this the most infamous, disgraceful and wicked of all human avocations—the Liquor Traffic. And while we rejoice and thank God for the great success the Temperance Cause is making in this, our day, throughout our country, and for the manifest hold the Cause of Temperance is taking upon the common minds of the people, through the efforts of christian agitation, we realize that we are in the midst of a great conflict in which we dare not falter, but must fight. The old Canaan Association covers a territory of sublime prospects and of fearful responsibilities which must be met. While we look with pride at the wonderful strides made in the development of the natural resources in our midst, we, as a christian people, organized to work for Christ, should remember that "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and he that is deceived thereby is not wise," and every rising smoke stack or sinking shaft marks an increase of labor for us to save the incoming people from the curse of the saloon and the fearful influence of drink, whose tide of wickedness, woe and death must be driven back. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as an Association of christians, exercising an abiding trust in an ever blessed God, pledge ourselves to pray and labor

availing ourselves of every moral and legal means in our power, to banish from our broad land, and especially from the entire bounds of our loved Canaan, the monster fiend Intemperance, in all it forms of intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. INZER,
Chm'n Com.

On motion, Dr. Staton, of Woodlawn, being present was invited to a seat; also J. K. Jenkins.

The Committee on Devotions reported preaching at 7:30 o'clock P. M., by Dr. Staton. Sabbath, 9:30 A. M., Sabbath School Mass Meeting, opened by R. J. Waldrop in a lecture on the last quarter's lessons, followed by the brethren in speeches not exceeding ten minutes. 7:30 P. M., preaching by Rev. J. E. Herring.

P. E. CHEEK, Chairman.

The Report on Church Improvements was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Your Committee on Church Improvements, realizing this to be rather a new feature in Associational work, is at a loss just how to make a full report. But it is a recognized fact that great progress is much needed in this direction. The brethren generally are too apt to give most of their attention to home comforts and home improvements, to the detriment and neglect of the House of God. Many places we find the houses of worship very inefficient and unfit for the use for which they were intended. Brethren, this ought not to be. God will not hold us guiltless if we neglect the charge over which he has placed us. Many of our houses of worship are planted in fine communities, where the people are blessed abundantly with the good things of the world, yet to look at the House of God one would suppose that it was an orphan an autocrat had placed in the community to be supported by the meagre charities of the people. Let us pause a moment and estimate God's goodness to us, and see if we do not owe more to Him for what we are recipients of from his hand. Do we give to His cause in proportion what we use for our own personal comforts? Brethren, if we were to do it our houses of worship within the bounds of Canaan Association would present a different appearance to what they do now. Suppose we were to do half, to say nothing for our whole duty in this direction, during our next Associational year, what would be the result? We would see marked improvements at once and the old houses that have been standing as makeshifts, so to speak, for quarter and half centuries past would be torn away to give place to new and elegant houses, and the spirit of enterprise and progress would be pleasing.

Respectfully,

G. G. MILES.

The Committee on Finance made their report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg to report as follows:

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Minutes	Woman's Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Support	Sunday School	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Value of Church Property	To Visiting Ministers
First Birmingham Church	$ 7 50	$.....	$344 15	.....	.....	.....	$ 243 05	$ 1471 70	$12 294 90	.....	.....
Second Birmingham Church	2 00	.....	.....	$11 00	.....	.....	10 62	78 65	149 50	.....	.....
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Cahaba	3 65	11 50	27 50	.....	.....	$ 2 50	11 20	99 50	58 00	$ 1 000 00	$ 34 00
Central	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 40	.....	210 75	.....	.....
Dolomite	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20	800 00	26 00
East Birmingham	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 09	.....	.....	.....
Enon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect	2 80	.....	2 35	10 00	.....	.....	8 00	65 00	2 05	.....	0022
Pleasant Ridge	3 95	.....	34 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	3 00	.....	.....
Post Oak Grove	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 86	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ruhama	3 00	.....	58 83	11 60	6 90	4 80	16 00	500 00	21 70	.....	20 00
Salem	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	33 20	.....	.....
Springville	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	10 00	1 000 00	.....
Southside Birmingham	2 50	.....	9 33	9 33	9 32	9 32	.....	454 21	17 30	.....	.....
Jones' Valley	1 45	.....	2 20	2 00	2 00	14 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warrior	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167 00	400 00	700 00	.....
Pratt Mines	1 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	20 00	80 00	130 00	.....	.....
Total	$43 65	$11 50	$481 61	$43 93	$18 12	$30 72	$ 323 57	$ 3271 16	$13 331 60	$ 3 500 00	$102 00

Total $17,658.66. Received from A. J. Waldrop, Colportage Fund. $15.60, from A. J. Nunnerly, Ministerial Education, $5.00. Received in cash $103.75; Pledges for 1887: Jones Valley, State Missions, 55c. Home Missions. $1 00, Ministerial Education. $5.00 Respectfully submitted,

D. N. TALLY,
M. K. VANM,
T. W. LONG,
} Committee.

Statistics of Canaan Baptist Association, Alabama, 1886.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter	Exclusion.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.
First Church, B'ham	Jefferson	D. I. Purser	G. G. Mi es	Birmingham	82	159	2	100	7	3	484		315
Bethany	St. Clair	J. W. Inzer			1	1					50	3	30
Second Church, B'ham	Jefferson	W. A. Hobson	J. P. Rockett	Birmingham	10	5		2			30		40
Canaan	"	V. A. Wilson	M. D. Jackson	Jonesboro	11	2	1	8		1	52		
Cahaba	"	A. J. Waldrop	D. H. Vann	Trussville	9	5	2	6	2	1	141	5	40
Central	"	M. T. Branham	R. M. Inzer	Argo	2	14		1			69		
Enon	"										62		
Hopewell	"												
New Prospect	"	A. J. Waldrop	W. R. Hilliard	Huffman	6	10		5		1	79		28
Pleasant Ridge	"	E. B. Waldrop	S. H. Huey	Wheeling	1				1	1	78		
Ruhama	"	W. C. Cleaveland	R. J. Waldrop	Wood awn	1	5		52	1		147	9	100
Salem	"	M. T. Branham	J. H. Murphy	Mt. Pinson	14	6	1	20	1	2	84		
Springville	St. Clair	J. A Glenn	J. N. Montgomery	Springville	5	4					90	5	45
Williamsburg											15		
Jones Valley											33		
Warrior	Jefferson	S. R. C. Adams	D. L. Duncan	Warrior	37	29		4			84		
Pratt Mines	"	J. C. Hudson	T. W. Long	Pratt Mines	13	18		3		2	55	7	80
Oak Grove	"	G. A. Chunn	W. B. McCombs		16	1					36	2	30
Dolomite	"	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Sartain	Dolomite	6	34		2	1		37		75
South Side	"	W. C. Cleaveland	J. A. Stratton	Birmingham	3	29				2	98	13	105
East Birmingham	"	J. C. Hudson	F. M. Wood	Woodlawn	8	6					62		
				TOTALS.	225	328	6	203	13	13	1746	44	888

On motion, the Clerk is to have 500 minutes printed and distributed among the churches, and he retains the balance of minute money for his services.

Committee on Documents made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee begs leave to make the following report:

We find that several of the churches failed to give full and succinct reports of all their enterprises, work done, money contributed and valuation of church property, and would again urge them, as has heretofore been done, that each church make a full report at the next Association. We would recommend that the Clerk have blank forms printed for this purpose. We notice that three churches have asked for the sitting of your next body.

F. M. Wood,
J. M. Huey,
G. A. Chunn.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. Prayer by J. S. E. Robinson.

Preaching at the Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M., by Dr. Staton.

SABBATH EXERCISES—10 A. M.

Sabbath School Mass Meeting.

Addresses made by R. J. Waldrop and J. K. Jenkins.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. D. L. Purser, from Matt. 34, 12 and 13:41, at the close of which a collection of $40.82, cash, was taken up for Missions.

The following resolutions were offered by R. W. Inzer:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Sabbath's collection be equally divided between the Foreign, Home and State Mission Boards, which was amended so that the collection goes to the State Board to pay, as far as possible, the amount deficit on pro rata of Association as asked by State Mission Board.

2c. *Resolved*, That this Association return thanks to our Heavenly Father for His manifest blessings upon us during the past Associational year, and for the spirit of harmony and for the manifest disposition to work.

3d. *Resolved*, That we return thanks to Springville Church and community for their hospitalities extended to delegates during their stay among them.

After some appropriate remarks by the Moderator a hymn was sung and parting hand taken, and the closing prayer was made by J. A. Glenn.

W. C. Cleveland, Moderator.

E. B. Waldrop, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education report as follows:

We do not deem it necessary to enter an argument to prove the importance of Denominational Education, or Education on general principles. That has long since been settled. Our national government, the separate States of our union, denominations of all sorts have their especial schools for the Education and training of pupils. We, as a denomination, are not behind in this work. We can point with commendable denominational pride to our seminaries and colleges all over our commonwealth, where men and women are fitted for the great battles of life. We would call special attention to one phase of our denominational Education viz: Ministerial—a subject that some of the grand, great and good men of our State have taken on their hearts. The able Baptist State Convention, some few years ago, took this subject under special consideration, and for the last two years have made considerable progress. The past conventional year the Board has had thirty-two young ministers under its direction—young men earnestly laboring to prepare themselves to preach the gospel and preach it acceptably. These young men have been in the Southern Baptist Theogical Seminary, in Howard College and in the High Schools of the State and we think much efficient work has been done for them. We cannot think that our Association has been intensely in earnest in this matter, judging from the last Treasurer's report. The amount contributed by the Association for Ministerial Education is not more than five cents per member, according to our statistics, We are aware of the fact that much more than this has been done, but it has not gone through the proper channel, and hence cannot be shown. So much for lack of system in our benefactions.

We take this opportunity of urging upon our pastors and deacons the importance of systematizing their church benefactions, and for the cause of the blessed Master press the importance of Ministerial Education. This work should be near every Baptist heart. It should command our money, our sympathy, and elicit our warmest support. *This is a work that the Baptists of Alabama can not let fail.* The present Board is located at Montgomery with Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton as President, and we bespeak for it the assistance and the support that the magnitude of the work demands. We would not place a collegiate Education above genuine and christian manhood, but properly coupled we can send forth men "that needeth not to be ashamed." Your Committee considers the Education of our girls second in importance to no work, and in view of the fact that the first and most lasting impressions are received from the mother, then let us give our girls an Education, of both head and heart, that will fit them to train the children of the succeeding generations so as